



CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request for information regarding the below received on 1 April 2016. Your request has been handled under Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In accordance with Section 1(1) (a) of the Act I hereby confirm that the CNC/CNPA does hold information of the type specified.

1. The total number of times CNC officers have been tasked to guard sensitive atomic material as it is transported by road, rail or sea, from 2005-2015 inclusive, broken down by year;

2005: 1
2006: 1
2007: 0
2008: 2
2009: 1
2010: 1
2011: 1
2012: 3
2013: 1
2014 : 3
2015: 1

2. The total number of incidents in which firearms officers employed by the Civil Nuclear Constabulary have been called to outside the three-mile radius around nuclear facilities, from 2005-2015 inclusive, broken down by year, detailing the police force which requested the firearms officers and a brief comment, where available, outlining the incident.

The CNC is an armed police service, licenced by the College of Policing and trained to the same national standards as Home Office forces. The Constabulary is constituted under the Energy Act 2004, and is governed by different legislation to that of Home Office forces. The Act does allow CNC officers to assist other forces if necessary at individual incidents or provide mutual aid in a prearranged arrangement.

A collaboration agreement has been signed by all Home Office forces in England, Wales and Scotland, meaning that should they require any additional armed officers for any policing

reason, CNC Authorised Firearms Officers (AFOs) would be able to come under the jurisdiction of the chief constable of that force for the length of the requirement.

This information requested is held as part of an Incident Logging System for all incidents of the CNC. This part of the request is exempt under S12(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit (18 hours). This would involve the CNC manually search through in excess of 140,000 records. It is estimated that to look in each individual record would be 10 seconds. Therefore this would result in this request taking in excess of 18 hours.

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary is a specialist armed police service dedicated to the civil nuclear industry, with Operational Policing Units based at 11 civil nuclear sites in England, Scotland and Wales and over 1400 police officers and staff. The Constabulary headquarters is at Culham in Oxfordshire. The civil nuclear industry forms part of the UK's critical national infrastructure and the role of the Constabulary contribute to the overall framework of national security.

The purpose of the Constabulary is to protect licensed civil nuclear sites and to safeguard nuclear material in transit. The Constabulary works in partnership with the appropriate Home Office Police Force or Police Scotland at each site. Policing services required at each site are agreed with nuclear operators in accordance with the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 and ratified by the UK regulator, the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR). Armed policing services are required at most civil nuclear sites in the United Kingdom. The majority of officers in the Constabulary are Authorised Firearms Officers.

The Constabulary is recognised by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland (ACPOS). Through the National Coordinated Policing Protocol, the Constabulary has established memorandums of understanding with the local police forces at all 11 Operational Policing Units. Mutual support and assistance enable the Constabulary to maintain focus on its core role.

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. We will investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 3 – 6 weeks. You should write in the first instance to:

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If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by the CNPA.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)
Wycliffe House
Water Lane

Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you require any further assistance in connection with this request please contact us at our address below:

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Yours sincerely

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